

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The application has been amended as follows: on page 1 of the specification, underneath the title, the following has been inserted

-- This application is a national stage 371 of PCT/JP03/13505, filed on October 22, 2003, which claims foreign priority from Japanese application 2002-311712, filed on October 25, 2002. --

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 3-8 are allowed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEX NOGUEROLA whose telephone number is (571) 272-1343. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, NAM NGUYEN can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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